

The Weekly Times

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TUPPER'S FALSE FIGURES.

The Colonist makes a weak attempt to back up Sir Hibbert Tupper in his manipulation of the taxation figures.

On the same page the figures for the years of the Conservative regime are given as follows:-

Table with 3 columns: Year, Customs, Total Taxes. Rows for 1874-75 to 1892-93.

The average for the two periods shows an increase of \$7,007,242 in customs taxation instead of the three millions affirmed by Sir Hibbert.

The figures for 1893-94 have not yet appeared in a bluebook, but if we accept the minister's statement that the customs receipts for that year were \$19,189,546, the average for the whole Tory period will be reduced by a little over \$100,000.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell is the best fitted for premier among the Conservative leaders, and it is to be presumed that he will succeed in forming a cabinet.

THE ASYLUM.

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and it is therefore plain that the Colonist's forcible-feeble outbreak can be traced to the premier's consciousness that the government has not done its duty by the asylum.

ANOTHER POST OFFICE MATTER.

Mr. Emanuel St. Louis, of Curran bridge notoriety, and cousin of Hon. Mr. Oumet, minister of public works, appears to have had the strongest kind of a "pull."

Work done in private entrance staircase, waiting room and two rooms on first floor.

Table with 3 columns: Description of work, Amount, Total. Includes items like 'Additional work on 2nd floor', 'General repairs and improvements', etc.

RECAPITULATION.

Table with 2 columns: Expenditure in 1891-2, Expenditure in 1892-3.

A pretty tidy sum for refitting, reglazing, changing, cleaning, extending, taking down, removing, completing, cutting and working at night—a pretty tidy sum indeed.

A TRUE TUPPER TRICK.

If the plea were admissible we might excuse Sir Hibbert Tupper's dexterous manipulation of statistics upon the grounds of hereditary instincts.

To show the contemptible tactics Sir Hibbert is ready to employ in the hope of deceiving the public it is only necessary to point out that he descended to the low trick of garbling extracts from the London Times with the view of justifying the miserable slander of the old country.

"The association of the chamber of commerce of the United Kingdom, which met yesterday at Huddersfield, has had to take up a difficult task. The country is just emerging from a long period of industrial and commercial depression."

against adverse foreign tariffs have been ignored. British diplomacy seems to be incapable of securing advantages for British commerce.

But in quoting the above extract Sir Hibbert took very good care to suppress the most important part of the editorial in the Times, which reads as follows: "Yet, as Sir Albert Rollet points out in his presidential address at Huddersfield, the principles of free trade have enabled this country to hold her own on the whole, against foreign protected competitors."

Now, apart from the insult Sir Hibbert offered to every Englishman, what may we ask, can be said of a policy which demands such reprehensible advocacy, and what reliance can honorable men place upon the statements of a man who could descend to such base and contemptible tactics to sustain slander?

McCARTHY'S SPEECH.

The trenchant speech delivered by Mr. Dalton McCarthy during the session of 1893 upon the National Policy is well worth a careful perusal. It will be remembered that Mr. McCarthy is a Conservative and was one of the promoters of the policy he now so clearly and convincingly shows to be one of extortion and oppression.

The issue of the province this week should be carefully read by every one, whether friends or foes of the National Policy, for it is to be assumed that all are seeking the right. The speech of Sir Charles Tupper at the Victoria theatre last Monday night is handled in two ways.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper admitted that "the population of Canada at the lowest estimate in 1875 was four millions, and in 1894, at the very lowest estimate, it was five millions."

TAXES AND REVENUE.

Mr. Haughton, at the Spring Ridge meeting asked the question, "If you reduce the duties how are you going to get your revenue to carry on the government?"

lector whose mind is awakened to the fallacies of protection, and who honestly wishes to know what the Liberals propose to substitute for protection, this is a perfectly legitimate question, which will meet at the hands of the Liberals the candid consideration and full reply it deserves.

No practical politician has ever in the history of constitutional government elaborated in advance in all its details the legislative formula by which he proposes to cure economic or political ills, but an illustration of the general principle advocated by a reformer seeking popular support—is certainly due to an intelligent people.

The duty on coal oil is a case in point. There are only two places in Canada where this oil is produced. If there is no crude oil in the earth protection has no alchemy which can call it forth.

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of an inferior oil field for which we are now so heavily taxed? If the people of Ontario, who have this industry among them, consider (as do) this oil tax a robbery, what is it to the people of British Columbia? Not one of our work people gets a dollar out of it, and not one of them can sit down at night to read but pays in duties and profit a duties nearly one hundred per cent, more for his light.

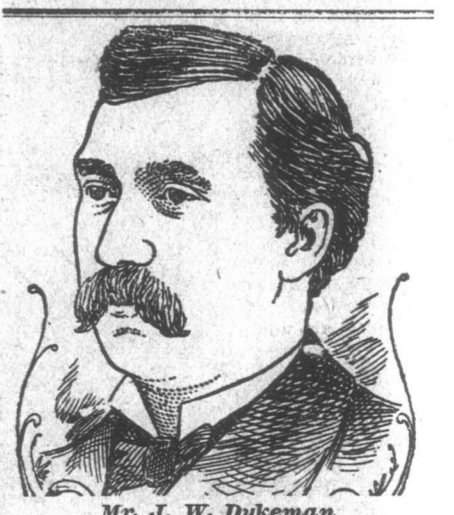
DENTISTRY BILL.

An Act to Protect the Dentists at Present Practising Here. The bill introduced by Mr. Helmecke relating to the practice of dentistry, makes it unlawful for any person to practice, or attempt to practice, the profession of dentistry or dental surgery in any province of the Dominion having authority to grant certificates of license to practice dentistry, or who is not a member of any college or school of dentistry practicing sufficient evidence of such membership, and testimonials of good character, and who does not pass a satisfactory examination before the board of examiners duly authorized by this act.

The board of examiners is to consist of five dentists chosen by the government from ten candidates to be submitted by the British Columbia Dental Association. Those who are at present practicing will have to pay a fee of ten dollars and those who apply for a certificate after the passing of the act, \$50.

ANOTHER "FRISCO" MURDER.

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After the Grip. No Strength, No Ambition. Hood's Sarsaparilla Gave Perfect Health. The following letter is from a well-known merchant tailor of St. George, N. B.: "Gentlemen—I am glad to say that Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills have done me a great deal of good."